भेजने के लिए इन एजेंसियों को सरकार से अनुमति लेने की जरूरत नहीं होगी ।

(ग) केन्द्रीय हज समिति ने 24,227 हज यात्रियों के लिए वीजा लिया था और शेष यात्रियों ने अपने वीजा निजी एजेंसियों के माध्यम से अथवा स्वयं लिये थे ।

सरकार को अभी तक ऐसी कोई शिकायत नहीं मिली है कि ये एजेंसियां यात्रियों को हज पर भेजने के लिए उनसे मोटी रकम लेती हैं ।

Widening of Kakinada-Yanam road

1775. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Central Government to provide funds as a special case under C.R.F. for improvement and widening of Kakinada-Yanam road; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government of India thereon?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As the actual augmentation of Central Road Fund against which the proposals were invited has not yet taken place, the same have not been processed for approval.

FICCI guidelines for private sector participation in highway construction

1776. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry has urged the Central Government to frame detailed guidelines for private sector's participation in highway construction;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the reaction of the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry had forwarded a paper on "Highways Development by Private Sector" which includes steps such as land acquisition, according Industry Status to road construction, debt-equity ratio to be 1:2, exemption from MRTP, suitable legislation permitting collection of toll, etc. to be taken for encouraging private sector participation in highways.

(c) The participation of Private Sector in the construction of highways is under consideration.

Inland waterways in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh

1777 DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the plans now under consideration of Government for development of inland waterways and captive ports in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu;

(b) what are the envisaged benefits from the improvement of North Buckingham canal by the Tamil Nadu Government as a centrally sponsored scheme to be completed by March, 1990;

(c) what steps are being taken to declare the Krishna river as a national waterway; and

(d) the names of rivers that have so far been declared as national waterways?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) The schemes and the provisions included in the Annual

Plan 1990-91 for the development of inland waterways in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu are given below:—

(i) Improvement of canal system between Kakinada and Madras Ports—Rs. 0.20 crore;

(ii) Improvement of North Buckingham Canal between Ennore and Chintamani Lock in Tamil Nadu—Rs. 0.65 crore.

It is presumed that the Honourable Member means by "captive port" is a port for the exclusive use of a single user. There is no proposal for any such port in Andhra Pradesh.

The Annual Plan 1990-91 includes a provision of Rs. 5.00 crores for works connected with the construction of a port at Ennore in Tamil Nadu near Madras which is Primarily intended for unloading thermal coal.

(b) The envisaged benefits from the ongoing improvement works on the North Buckingham Canal stretch in Tamil Nadu are:—

(i) Widening the bed width to 10 meters in closed reaches and 15 meters in open reaches and deepening the canal to a minimum depth of 1.8 meters so as to facilitate operation of mechanised vessels.

(ii) Movement of additional traffic of 3.90 lakh tonnes of cargo over and above the existing traffic of 0.60 lakh tonnes per year; and

(iii) Saving of Rs. 0.40 per tonne km. for cargo moved by IWT compared to movement by road.

(c) A Techno-Economic feasibility study and hydrographic survey on the river Krishna has been undertaken by Inland Waterways Authority of India with a view to assess the viability of development of the river as a National Waterway.

(d) The Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system between Allahabad and Haldia (1620 kms.) and river Brahmaputra between Thubri and Sadiya (891 kms.) have so far been declared as National Waterways.

Terrorists in Sri Ganganagar in Rajasthan

1778. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India dated 9th July, 1990 to the effect that the terrorists are strengthening their base in Sri Ganganagar District in Rajasthan and that unconstitutional Khalsa courts are being run in the rural areas of the District; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

"Casual Workers" in the Delhi Kendra of Doordarshan

1779. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Kendra of Doordarshan has over 400 young and qualified persons working as casual production assistants, Graphic artists, Video editors Makeup assistants and General/Light/Floor assistants for the period varying from one year to 12 years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the nature of the job of these persons being considered as "Casual Workers" is the same as that of the incumbents of regular posts;